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Falls Church City Mardi Gras Restaurant Week To Benefit Hurricane Katrina Relief Feb. 21-28, 2006

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Falls Church City's Hurricane Relief Task Force and local restaurants have partnered to host Mardi Gras Restaurant Week, Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Tuesday, Feb. 28 (Fat Tuesday). By visiting participating restaurants Feb. 21-28, customers can help raise funds for worthy causes working to help Katrina victims.

Proceeds from sales will benefit one of three causes:

- **Saint Bernard Parish Public Schools** (www.stbernard.k12.la.us) – St. Bernard Parish, just outside New Orleans, was one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. Falls Church City's Hurricane Relief Task Force has focused efforts on this Louisiana Parish with donations of backpacks, books, and school supplies. Funds are needed for library technology, sports teams, and after-school programs for students living in trailers.
- **CrossLink International** (www.crosslinkinternational.net) – Falls Church City-based CrossLink supplies medical mission teams, humanitarian aid organizations, free clinics, and hospitals with medicines and supplies to reduce suffering among the world's most needy. CrossLink helped rebuild a small clinic working to assist a needy population in Kiln, Miss. devastated by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Homestretch** (www.homestretch-inc.org) – The mission of Homestretch (also based in Falls Church City) is to empower Northern Virginia homeless families with children under age 18 to return to stable housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope they need to become productive participants in the community. Homestretch has helped eight families displaced by Katrina in the Northern Virginia area, including one in the City of Falls Church.

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Participating Restaurants:

Argia's

124 N. Washington St., 703-534-1033

Tuesday, Feb. 28

10% of sales to benefit St. Bernard Parish Public Schools

Bangkok Blues

926 W. Broad St., 703-534-0095

Monday, Feb. 27

Lundi Gras Party (\$7 cover charge) - performance by White Whale (New Orleans Pop band)

\$3 from each cover charge to benefit St. Bernard Parish Schools

Idylwood Grill & Wine Bar

2190 Pimmit Dr., 703-992-0915

Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Tuesday, Feb. 28

100% of special New Orleans-style meal sales to benefit Homestretch

Ireland's Four Provinces

105 W. Broad St., 703-534-8999

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Mardi Gras Party - food and drink specials, performance by Fuzzy Logic

\$8 cover charge to benefit Homestretch

Original Pancake House

370 W. Broad St., 703-891-0148

Monday, Feb. 27 - Tuesday, Feb. 28

15% of sales to benefit CrossLink

Stacy's Coffee Parlor

709 W. Broad St., 703-538-6266

Tuesday, Feb. 21- Tuesday, Feb. 28

100% of gumbo sales to benefit Homestretch

2 Sisters Coffee

255 W. Broad St., 703-237-3111

100% of special Mardi Gras drink sales to benefit charity

Many thanks to these participating restaurants and to Supreme Styles Graphics in Baltimore, Md. for donating the Restaurant Week banner on Broad Street.

For additions to the list of participating restaurants, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call 703-248-5003 (TTY 711).

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